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Druid Priestess Haunts Spoilers of Her Grave.

BONES HAVE TO BE RESTORED

Unearthed from Ancient Resting Place, Entire Village Is Disturbed by the Unhappy "Spook"—Archaeologist Forced to Give Up His Researches Because of Peculiar Acts.

London, Nov. 24.—An ancient skeleton that refused to abide peacefully in any abode but her original burial place, and after upsetting a whole village had to be taken back to her "barrow," sounds like an old wives' tale, yet it is a true story, and happened in no earlier time than our own prosaic twentieth century—to be more exact, on Saturday last—and in an ordinary English village in Wiltshire. The skeleton was that of a venerable British woman who reigned as high priestess of the Temple of Avebury, famous for its Druidical remains, some 4,000 years ago.

In the south of England are many of these barrows. They resemble large, grassy mounds, and were made by the natives of Britain thousands of years ago for their sepulchres. Many of them have been explored, and old weapons, ornaments, and domestic vessels have been found in them keeping company with the bones of their owners.

One of these barrows near the little village of Wedhampton, in Wiltshire, was explored last week, and in it were found a large number of very valuable gold ornaments. With these lay a woman's skeleton, computed by the archaeologist who discovered it to be 4,000 years old. This rare treasure he decided to remove, and the ancient dame was carefully taken to a farmhouse near by, and placed in a room by herself. Next morning the terrified inhabitants came hurriedly to the man who had placed her there, and implored him to take her away at once.

Priestess Is Angry. It seems that as soon as darkness fell the old lady began strenuously to object to the disrespect which had been shown to her venerable bones, and from the room where she lay came the clatter of the most fearful "shindy" ever heard. All kinds of horrible noises proceeded from it, and the farmer and his family were unable to sleep the whole night.

Thinking this was probably more due to superstition than anything else, the skeleton was once more removed, and placed in the house of Dr. Maurice, in the same village. And that night the noise was repeated, only ten times worse. It sounded to the frightened listeners outside as if a fearful struggle were going on, and the next morning when they went into the room there were marks that resembled blood-stains on the wall. Many other strange occurrences had also happened. The archaeologist's bicycle had disappeared, and a search high and low in all parts of the house and garden proved fruitless. Also a gold bracelet, which had been on the wrist of a lady in the house for eight years, and which she had never once taken off in that time, had gone, and could be found nowhere. Several more attempts were made to house the skeleton, but with the same alarming results, so the archaeologist decided that the only thing to be done was to restore her to her original resting place, which was eventually done. On returning to the barrow they found the bicycle and the bracelet.

Career of the Skeleton. Here is the career of the skeleton and its accompanying "spook" since the disinterment, in chronological order:

Saturday.—Unearthed, put on a tea tray and carried to the house of Mr. Buckman, in Marlborough.

Sunday morning (8:30).—Weird noises outside Mr. Buckman's house.

Monday.—Continuation of peculiar noises.

Tuesday.—Parts of the skeleton taken to the house of another gentleman. Servants declare that the table silver turned the color of blood.

Wednesday.—Ornaments taken by Mr. Cunningham to be mounted and identified. A gold bracelet belonging to a lady of the household lost. Town clock at Devises stopped, and the chimes ceased to play until it was decided that the body should be reinterred in its original resting place.

Friday.—Four "disinterred" teeth taken to be fitted in the jaw. On the following afternoon they were discovered on the dining-room table of a house twelve miles away.

Tuesday.—A letter received by a Devises gentleman announcing that two mysterious fires had occurred in a house where some of the remains were stored. The discovery was one of which the archaeologist, Mr. B. H. Cunningham, F. S. A. (Scotland), may well be proud. It is more than a century since the last bronze-age remains, with gold ornaments, were unearthed in the county of Wiltshire. It was the descending spade and scientific brain of Mr. Cunningham's grandfather that brought to light this archaeological marvel. But this later discovery is beyond everything that preceded it.

Person of Importance. "The richness of the ornaments indicated a person of great importance," said Mr. Cunningham to your representative yesterday, "but an unusual circumstance is that, although a cinerary urn was found near at hand, no other bones were dug up. It was customary for groups of people to be interred together in those far-off years."

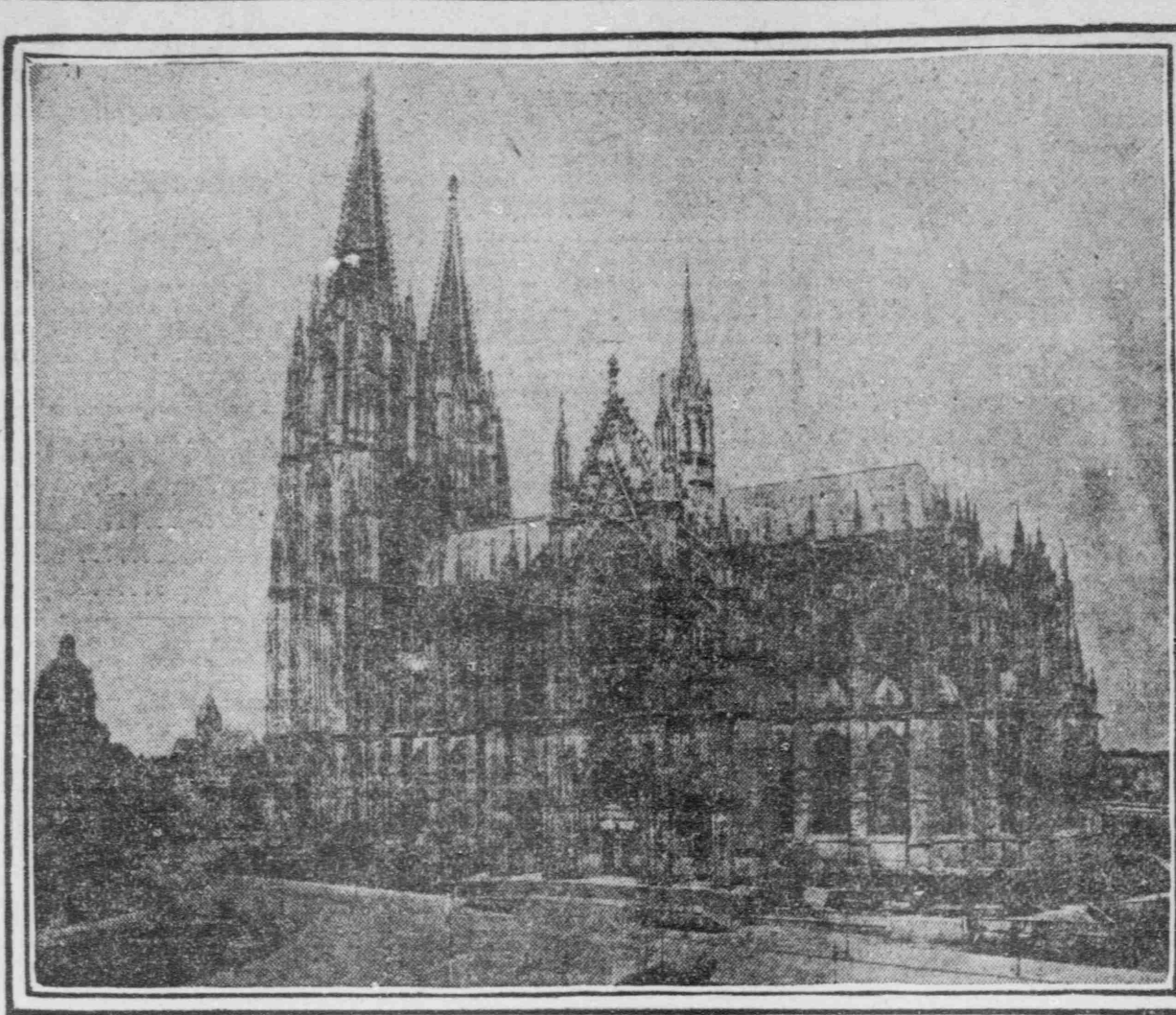
Mr. Buckman detailed to a reporter the phenomenon that has followed her reception of the bones. "I awoke at 2:30 a. m.," he said, "and heard a shrill, weird cry. I aroused my wife, who declared that it was the howling of an owl. I replied that it was like the wall of a banshee. The sound was unusual, and we were also heard on the following night. When some dogs were sent out to investigate, one of them made straight for a shed in which the remains reposed and howled dismally."

"I am a scientific man," said Mr. Cunningham, "and I do not attempt to account for any of these things. From a scientific point of view the 'find' is interesting. The rest I leave to psychologists. The incident of the teeth is certainly remarkable."

10,000 "PASSIVE RESISTERS."

Will Go to Prison Rather Than Submit to New Ordinance.

Johannesburg, Nov. 24.—Lord Elgin's non-committal reply to the delegates in London of the Transvaal British Indians has given satisfaction, but local opinion is opposed to a royal commission, which would be regarded as an interference with colonial rights. Indians here express the determination to go to prison rather than submit to the terms of the new ordinance. They declare that 10,000 of them have sworn to adopt this course.



COLOGNE'S MAGNIFICENT CATHEDRAL, WHICH IS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION.

WOMAN IN A COLLEGE CHAIR

Paris Crowds Hear Her First Lecture on Radio-activity.

Mme. Curie Fills Late Husband's Post at Sorbonne, and Big Audience Receives Her.

Paris, Nov. 24.—This was a red-letter day at the Sorbonne, where, for the first time in its history, a woman occupied a professor's chair.

When, six months ago, Prof. Curie was run over in the streets of Paris and killed, the authorities decided, out of respect to his memory and in admiration of the noble woman who aided him so much in his work and discoveries, to offer Mme. Curie the chair of general physics created for her husband.

To-day she occupied it for the first time, and Paris showed its appreciation of her worth and of the action of the university



Madame Curie.

authorities by crowding the amphitheater as it was never crowded before and giving Mme. Curie a rousing reception.

As the timid, kare-headed woman, dressed simply in black, advanced to the platform, everybody in the building, from the most distinguished members of the faculty to the youngest undergraduates, rose and gave the illustrious lady an immense ovation.

So great, indeed, was the popular clamor that Mme. Curie was completely overcome, and it was in a feeble, trembling voice that she commenced a masterly lecture on her theory on the latest developments in radio-activity.

UNSEEN, NUN GIVES EVIDENCE.

Remains Behind Curtain in Convent as Examination Is Held.

Vienna, Nov. 24.—The Criminal Court at Salzburg has been forced to hold a sitting in a convent owing to the refusal of a nun to give evidence in public.

A woodcutter in the service of the convent on the Nonnberg was on trial for stealing, and the evidence of Sister Celestine, one of the nuns, was material. She, however, refused to attend the court on the ground of her vows, which forbade her to allow herself to be seen by men.

An appeal to the Archbishop of Salzburg elicited the reply that only the Pope himself could release the sister from her vows, so arrangements were made for her to be examined in the convent.

The judge and the counsel were accommodated in the visitors' room, while Sister Celestine, supported by the abbess, took her place behind a curtain, so that she could be heard but not seen. The sister then underwent an examination and cross-examination, and on her evidence the man was condemned to two months' imprisonment.

The anti-clerical papers here protest against evidence given in this way being admissible.

SHOOT'S FALSE FRIEND DEAD.

Jealous Husband Follows Wife's Admirer Through Streets.

Lisbon, Nov. 24.—An extraordinary crime was committed yesterday at 11 o'clock in the morning in one of the most crowded and busy streets of Lisbon. The chief actors were two men well known in Lisbon commercial circles. One of them was the husband of a young and beautiful woman and the other his greatest friend, whom the first had discovered to be his wife's lover.

The betrayer was literally hunted to his death by the husband through crowded streets, up staircases, and into offices, falling finally in a stranger's house with a bullet through his heart. The assassin walked up to the body, turned it over, and said, calmly, "It is he; he has his reward." Then he turned away and gave himself up to the police.

WORLD-FAMOUS CAT IS DEAD.

"The Silver Lambkin" Expires, Leaving Hundreds of Progeny.

London, Nov. 24.—"The Silver Lambkin," the celebrated chinchilla cat known to every cat fancier the world over, is dead at Gaimingey, Cambridgeshire.

In every country where cats are bred his progeny holds a leading position. It is now six years since one of his many sons won the gold medal at Boston. Born in 1880, the remarkable animal attained a great age, as compared to most highly bred cats, and from the time he was three years old to the present, his descendants have won at the Crystal Palace at every succeeding show.

In four years he raised the color to which he belonged from one or two unique specimens to the most fashionable variety in the country. The ethereal loveliness of the chinchilla became sought after by fashionable ladies. Sixty guineas, the highest price ever paid for a cat, was given for one of "The Silver Lambkin's" sons.

Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein ranks chinchillas among her favorites, and is patron of the Chinchilla Club, founded by the owner of "The Silver Lambkin"—Mrs. Balding. This lady is considered the leading authority on cats, and holds the position of honorable life member of the Cat Club, formerly occupied by the late Harrison Weir.

The embalmed remains of "The Silver Lambkin" have been accepted by the Natural History Museum. A model which appears upon the club's silver challenge cups is a portrait of this interesting animal.

WOMAN SHOT DEAD AT PIANO.

Jealous Army Surgeon Kills Officer's Wife, and Tries Suicide.

Paris, Nov. 24.—Mme. Chide, wife of an officer in the commissariat, was shot dead yesterday at Bida, Algeria, by Dr. Marcel Thivot, assistant surgeon of the First African Chasseurs, who afterward shot himself through the head.

Thivot, who recently returned to Bida after an absence of several months, went to pay a call on Mme. Chide, who was a fine musician. He asked her to play a Beethoven sonata, and it was while she was seated at the piano that he shot her. Alarmed by the noise, a maid-servant rushed into the room. Mme. Chide was already dead, and Thivot was bleeding from the temple.

The doctor admitted that he had killed Mme. Chide in a fit of jealousy. He is not expected to recover.

TIGERS ATTACK TRAINER.

Audience in Panic as Wild Beasts Seize Man in Circus Cage.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—Jack Peters, the well-known tamer of wild animals, was terribly mauled at the Busch circus this afternoon while performing in a cage containing four lions and two tigers.

Peters carries a revolver in his pocket and a heavy riding whip in his hand while in the cage, but toward the end of the performance he lays the whip aside to box with one of the tigers, the remaining five wild beasts sitting round and watching the contest.

After the boxing Peters was drawing off a huge pair of leather gloves which he wears to ward off the tiger's claws, when both tigers suddenly sprang at him, striking him with their paws and biting fiercely at his limbs. Peters fought with desperation, parrying the blows and attempting to beat off his assailants.

During the struggle the tigers tore the flesh from his face, shoulders, and arms. But finally Peters fired his revolver and used the momentary pause in the combat caused by the reports to escape from the cage.

He presented a terrible appearance, and was removed to a hospital in a critical condition. A wild panic seized the audience, which was composed largely of women and children, and in the rush for the exits many persons were injured.

NO WINE TRUST IN FRANCE.

Too Many Small Growers Stand in Way of Combination.

Paris, Nov. 24.—The report published in a London newspaper that a wine trust is to be formed in France is without foundation.

One of the largest wine merchants here says that there are far too many small wine growers in France for a trust to be possible. Besides, he said, the French government would promptly stop any such trust by putting into force the law against the holding of too large a stock by one firm—which law is already enforced in the cases of flour and sugar.

TEN MILLION CHINESE STARVE.

Severe Famine Prevails in North Kingdom, and People Are Helpless.

Shanghai, Nov. 24.—Misfortunates report that a most severe famine prevails in North China, and estimate that about 10,000,000 people are on the brink of starvation. The local magistrates are preventing the people from leaving the region, but are taking no steps to provide food supplies for the relief of the sufferers.

COLOGNE CHURCH NEAR RUIN

Only Thorough Overhauling Can Save Noted Cathedral.

Greatest Specimen of Gothic Architecture in Europe Gives Startling Evidence of Rapid Decay.

Cologne, Nov. 24.—The authorities at Cologne have learned with something akin to consternation that the world-famous Cathedral is almost in danger of sharing the fate of the Campanile at Venice. In many places huge blocks of stone have fallen out of the walls, and unless the building is thoroughly overhauled, and at once, its demolition may ensue.

The Cathedral is one of the noblest specimens of Gothic architecture in Europe, and the original building is said to have been erected in 814. Frederick Barbarossa bestowed upon it, in 1162, the bones of the three Magi, which he took from Milan, and this gift greatly increased its importance.

The bones are retained as precious relics to this day, but the old structure was burned in 1248. According to some accounts, the building of the present Cathedral was begun the same year, but others fix the date at 1270-1275. To whom the design is to be ascribed is unknown.

The work of building was carried on until 1560, when it was suspended. Since the beginning of the nineteenth century, however, the necessary funds to repair and complete it according to the original designs have been supplied by subscriptions from all parts of Germany. The nave, aisles, and transepts were opened in 1848; the magnificent south portal was completed in 1859, and in 1860 the iron central fleche was added. The spires, the crown of the edifice, were finished in 1880, and on October 15 the completion of the work was celebrated by Kaiser Wilhelm I.

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TWO WOMEN WHO STEERED BALLOON IN AIR.

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WINS \$200,000 PRIZE

English Woman Gets Fortune from Lottery.

BLACK CAT AS HIS MASCOT

Owner Gives Tabby Credit for His Success in Winning Handsome Motor Car—Bazaar Raffle Prize Follows Remarkable Run of Good Luck at the Newmarket Races.

London, Nov. 24.—The wheel of fortune has been kind to two English people. Mrs. Savage, a South End lady, has won a prize of \$200,000 in a Calcutta lottery, and Frank Wellsman, a Newmarket painter and decorator, has won a \$2,500 motor car in a Lockerbie bazaar raffle.

On being advised by a friend in India of the Calcutta lottery, Mrs. Savage purchased \$40 worth of tickets, and a few days later was offered \$2,500 for them. Her husband made her a similar offer if she would give him \$5,000 in the event of her winning a substantial prize. To this she agreed, and a formal contract was drawn up.

Mrs. Savage and her husband were overjoyed some time afterward to learn that they were entitled to a prize of \$200,000.

Frank Wellsman attributes his luck in winning a \$2,500 Deasy motor car at the Lockport bazaar raffle, opened last week by Princess Louise, to a black cat, which he regards as his mascot. It has frequently brought him luck. Some time ago he had a house to let at Newmarket and was unable to secure a tenant. The black cat was taken to the house, and there was immediately a shoal of applications, and a good tenant was secured.

The tenant, hearing of the cat, asked for it to be left. His request was granted, and the cat made a practice of sleeping with the foot of his bed. Almost immediately he had a remarkable run of luck at the Newmarket races.

He gave up his tenancy and Mr. Wellsman took possession. He purchased two shilling tickets in the Lockerbie bazaar raffle and thought no more about them. On Friday afternoon, as the black cat was perched on its master's shoulders, a telegram arrived from the town clerk of Lockerbie notifying Mr. Wellsman that one of his two tickets was the winning number, entitling him to a motor car of the value of \$2,500, given by Lady Buchanan-Jardine.

Mr. Wellsman is firmly convinced that the black cat is responsible for his run of luck.

BABY ABANDONED IN CHURCH.

Found by Woman in Holy Water Font, It Is Baptized.

Paris, Nov. 24.—A strange discovery was made yesterday by a woman in the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires.

Before making the sign of the cross she dipped her fingers into the stoup, but with a start withdrew them hastily. She had touched the body of a baby girl only a few weeks old. The child began to cry loudly. The woman picked up the infant and found pinned to her garments a note running as follows:

"Abandoned by my child's father, it is impossible for me to bring up the little one as I would wish. Please see that she is baptized Simone Arlette; born in Paris, October 21, 1906. Care for her well; love her. God will reward you."

The mother's wish was carried out instantly, the cure, who was in the church, performing the baptismal ceremony. The little girl was then sent to the Foundling Hospital, where she will remain unless her relatives come to claim her.

MAKE OXYGEN FROM TABLETS.

Life-giving Gas Generated by Dropping Substance in Water.

London, Nov. 24.—A firm of manufacturers of diving apparatus profess to have discovered a method for supplying pure oxygen as easily as making a cup of tea and equally as safe.

They are making a new substance, which they call oxytine, which may be described as oxygen in its latent state. It can be turned into pure chemical gas, containing fully 98 per cent of oxygen, by the action of water, just as acetylene gas is produced from calcium carbide.

It is supplied in tablets at a small price, and is claimed to be an acceptable substitute for compressed oxygen in heavy steel cylinders.

It is particularly useful in supplying fresh air to submarine boats, the needs of which have led to its production.



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KING EDWARD CREATING A KNIGHT.

On November 5 his majesty opened the new grammar school at King's Lynn, the gift of William John Lancaster, an old pupil of the school. The King was accompanied by the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Princess Victoria. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the King knighted Mr. Lancaster. This ceremony is simple, and lacks the impressiveness of the day when knights were created on the battlefield for some deed of daring. In this instance the recipient of the honor knelt on the left knee on a cushion, and the King, holding the sword of the officer in attendance, touched his shoulder, exclaiming: "Arise, Sir William Lancaster."

TOO FREE WITH STAGE GORE

Berlin Audience Hisses Too Realistic Performance of "Bluebeard."

Play a Succession of Horrors, Which Arouses the Indignation of Excited Crowd.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—Remarkable scenes took place at the production of a drama entitled "Chevalier Bluebeard," by Herr Herbert Eulenberg, at the Lessing Theater here last night.

The play surpasses anything that has hitherto been presented to the theater-going public in the way of downright sordid and horrible realism.

In the first act the horrified audience saw on the stage a crypt in which lay the heads of five wives already murdered by Bluebeard. The second act represented a wedding banquet on the stage, which is suddenly disturbed by the only son of Bluebeard, who drinks until he falls into delirium tremens, and then runs amuck, demolishing everything within his reach. Suddenly, after a most disgusting exhibition of drunken delirium, he falls on his knees and says the Lord's Prayer.

More Horrors Revealed. The third act reveals Bluebeard murdering his sixth wife. During the fourth act the burial of the sixth wife takes place on the stage. There is a coffin, with weeping relatives, and after the funeral service the coffin is lowered into the grave by ropes, the planks are removed and earth is thrown on the coffin.

The ston, still in delirium tremens, hangs himself on a tree on stage in full view of the audience, and soon afterward the dead wife's sister drowns herself in despair.

The fifth act shows Bluebeard attempting to murder his seventh and last wife. She escapes from him, springs into the burning of his burning castle and perishes likewise in full view of the audience. Her father and brother thereupon appear and kill Bluebeard without more ado.

This play is not intended to be melodramatic, but an extremely modern realistic drama, the Lessing Theater having long enjoyed the reputation of being the home of one of the highest forms of dramatic art.

STORM OF INDIGNATION.

The audience began to hoot, shout, and hiss in the third act, and general indignation rose by degrees until a perfect storm broke out in the last act. The spectators shouted: "This is disgusting!" "This is a scandal!" "This is profane!" "Stop it!"

Loud hoots and hisses at times made the actors almost inaudible, and many persons rose in their places and shook their fists at the actors and actresses, gesticulating wildly with righteous indignation.

Most critics condemn the play, but a few praise it as revealing wonderful talent.

TANGIER IS IN DANGER.

Tribesmen Threaten City, and Foreign Marines May Be Landed.

Tangier, Morocco, Nov. 24.—Tangier is threatened with instant attack by fanatical tribesmen, who are already in the environs of the city, only awaiting the word from their chiefs to make the attempt to take possession. It is probable that marines will be called on to land from the foreign warships in the harbor to defend the town. For the tribesmen are panic-stricken, and many of them have started for Gibraltar.

A battle took place last night with followers of Raisouli.

The tribesmen were driven off with a loss of twenty men. There are 3,000 marines on the various vessels, who can be landed in case there is a repetition of last night's attack, and they are being held in readiness to leave the ships at a moment's notice.

TORPEDO EXPLODES ON CRUISER

Two Men Killed by Accident on Board French War Ship.

Paris, Nov. 24.—Two quartermasters were killed by an explosion aboard the cruiser Charles Martel off Toulon yesterday.

Torpedo practice was in progress, and a torpedo which had just been shipped was being lowered again into the magazine when the compressed air chamber exploded with terrific force. Beside the two men killed, several were wounded.

CHIMPANZEE SUBJECT TO FEVER.

Liverpool, Nov. 24.—A telegram has been received from the expedition of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, now in Brazil, saying that the members had been successful in proving that chimpanzees can be infected with yellow fever by means of the stegomyia mosquito.

WARNED AGAINST TRADES BILL

Prof. Dicey Points Out Flaws in the Proposed British Measure.

Shows that No Remedy for Abuses by Injunction Would Be Possible. Westlake Opposes It.

London, Nov. 24.—Prof. Edward Dicey and John Westlake, England's greatest authorities on the interpretation of law, contribute important letters this week pointing out what will be the practical effects of the pending trades disputes bill.

Prof. Dicey says if this bill becomes a law, any trades union may commit a tort with impunity and continue to commit it. If a motor car run by a trades union should by gross negligence of the driver cripple an innocent pedestrian, the victim would be unable to obtain damages. There will be no remedy for any abuses by injunction as the bill now stands.

Besides the words, "trade dispute," include disputes between farmers and laborers. It extends to Ireland, and practically sanctions boycotting.

Prof. Westlake points out the shallowness of the argument that the bill merely restores the former state of law. He says that all it does is to guarantee a view of law which in the Taff Vale Railway case proved to be a false one.

This is the bill which Mr. Balfour has given his long delayed blessing, a bill which in Prof. Dicey's words sacrifices individual liberty in England in order thereby to facilitate defiance of law in Ireland.

CATHOLICS GET CHURCHES.

Fifty Parish Edifices in Philippines Awarded to Religionists.

Manila, Nov. 24.—An important decision just rendered by the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands ousts the Aglipayanos and the municipality of Lagonoy from possession of the parish edifices there in favor of the Roman Catholic Church.

The decision establishes a most important precedent, as it affects suit now pending for possession of about fifty churches seized by the Aglipayanos. Lagonoy is a town of 8,500 inhabitants in the Province of Camarines, Luzon, where the Aglipayanos, a religious sect founded by Aglipay, a Spanish friar, wields considerable power.

CARDINAL KOPP IN ROME.

Owing to Polish Question, His Visit Is Considered Significant.

Rome, Nov. 24.—Cardinal Kopp, Bishop of Breslau, arrived in Rome to-day. His presence here is considered of the importance, not